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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MPOL NATO US GW

SUBJECT: EVANS AND NOVAK COLUMN ON US DEFENSE  
STRATEGY FOR EUROPE

REF: USNATO 7455

1. WE AGREE WITH USNATO ON THE NEED FOR URGENT PRESS

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GUIDANCE ON THE EVANS AND NOVAK COLUMN SUMMARIZED IN  
REFTEL. IN ADDITION, WE RECOMMEND THAT THE WHITE  
HOUSE OR THE DEPARTMENT ISSUE A STATEMENT CONCERNING  
THE COLUMN ASAP.

2. IN RESPONSE TO THE NUMEROUS PRESS QUERIES WE HAVE  
RECEIVED, WE HAVE STATED THAT THE EMBASSY HAS NO

INFORMATION ON THE STUDY DESCRIBED BY EVANS AND NOVAK  
AND THAT ALL QUESTIONS ARE BEING REFERRED TO  
WASHINGTON.

3. THE SUBJECT OF THE EVANS AND NOVAK COLUMN AROSE  
DURING A MEETING BETWEEN THE AMBASSADOR AND FOREIGN  
OFFICE STATE SECRETARY VAN WELL LATE THIS MORNING.  
THE FRG IS OF COURSE HIGHLY INTERESTED IN THE  
ARTICLE, AND VAN WELL HAS INSTRUCTED THE FOREIGN OFFICE  
TO TELEPHONE THE FRG EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO REQUEST  
THAT IT SEEK CLARIFICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT.  
AT THE REGULAR PRESS BRIEFING THIS AFTERNOON, THE FRG  
SPOKESMAN WILL FOLLOW A LINE SIMILIAR TO OUR OWN.  
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